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Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2492–2506; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 114 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 117, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to prevent persons having drug and alcohol use problems from occupying dwelling units in public housing projects designated for occupancy by elderly families, amended (H. Rept. 104–281); and

H. Res. 238, providing for consideration of H.R. 2425, Medicare Preservation Act of 1995 (H. Rept. 104–282).

Pages H10293, H10306

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Fisheries Conservation and Management Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 720, the House passed H.R. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve fisheries management.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed To:

The Young of Alaska en bloc amendment that makes numerous technical corrections and provides that regional councils may impose fees on fishing vessels in order to cover the costs of placing “observers” aboard fishing vessels if they are required; requires that if observers are needed in fisheries governed under an individual transferrable quota (ITQ) system fishery, they be present at a level that insures “statistically significant” enforcement of catch quotas; and requires fish proceeding vessels in ITQ fisheries carry enough observers to ensure the vessels are monitored 24 hours per day;

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The Young of Alaska amendment that allows the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to contract out for assessments of fishery stocks;

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The Studts amendment that ensures that current restrictions on the sale and transportation of under-sized lobsters are maintained;

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The Miller of California amendment that requires regional fishery management councils, in developing fishery management plans, take into account the historic participation of local community-based fishing fleets in the fishery and provide for the sustained participation of those fleets and communities;

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The Farr of California amendment that requires regional fishery management councils to include in their fishery management plans measures that would minimize to the extent practicable any adverse impact of fishing on essential fish habitat (agreed to by a recorded vote of 251 yeas to 162 noes, Roll No. 717);

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The Metcalf amendment that prohibits the Commerce Department or regional fishery management councils from modifying any existing ITQ system for a fishery;

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The Underwood amendment that authorizes the negotiation of agreements that permit foreign interests to fish within the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of the United States Pacific insular territories;

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The Gilcrest amendment that modifies the definition of “optimum yield” in order to prohibit regional fishery management councils from allowing a fish stock to be harvested at a rate that exceeds the maximum sustainable yield for that fishery (agreed to by a recorded vote of 304 yeas to 113 noes, Roll No. 718);

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense on Congress that to the greatest extent possible all equipment and products purchased with funds made available by the bill be American-made;

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The Goss amendment that strikes provisions that would prevent the Commerce Department from requiring shrimp fishermen to use devices which would reduce incidental killing of non-target species

(agreed to by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 129 noes, Roll No. 719);

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The Miller of California amendment that requires fishery management councils, in developing fishery management plans, to take into account the historic participation of local community-based fishing fleets in the fishery; and

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The Hayes amendment, as modified, that prohibits the importation of fish into the United States unless the Secretary of Commerce certifies that the country of origin has implemented and enforced laws requiring fish excluded devices on that country's fishing industry in the same manner as the laws are enforced in the United States.

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The Frank of Massachusetts amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike provisions of the bill that authorize the Commerce Department to collect fees for fishing quotas in order to offset the costs of implementing, managing, and enforcing ITQ systems in fisheries.

Pages H10230–32

The Clerk was authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rogers, Kolbe, Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Forbes, Livingston, Mollohan, Skaggs, Dixon, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Mollohan motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House position regarding the Salaries and expenses of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pages H10247–48

Defense Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a further conference. Appointed as conferees: Representative Young of Florida, McDade, Livingston, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Murtha, Dicks, Wilson, Hefner, Sabo, and Obey.

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Rejected the Obey motion to instruct House conferees to reduce within the scope of conference total spending by \$3 billion compared to the amount provided in the House bill to be derived from deleting funds for low priority "Procurement", "Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation" and other projects contained in the House or Senate bills that were not included in the President's budget: Provided, That the conferees shall not reduce military

pay or Operation and Maintenance readiness activities below the levels provided in the House bill (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 134 yeas to 290 nays, Roll No. 721).

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Subsequently, the House agreed to the Young of Florida motion that the conference meetings between the House and the Senate on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration; provided, however, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have a right to attend any closed or open meeting (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 722).

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Disapproving Certain Sentencing Guidelines: By a recorded vote of 332 ayes to 83 noes, Roll No. 725, the House passed H.R. 2259, to disapprove certain sentencing guideline amendments.

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Rejected the Watt of North Carolina motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back forthwith containing an amendment that provides that the sentencing board report back to Congress their recommendations not later than March 1, 1996 (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 724).

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Pages H10273–81

Rejected the Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike provisions in the bill disapproving the recommendations to make the sentencing guidelines for possession of crack cocaine the same as those for powder cocaine (rejected by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 723).

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Subsequently, S. 1254, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. H.R. 2259 was laid on the table.

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H. Res. 237, under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 19.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10255.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10307.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10227–28, H10235–36, H10241–42,

H10246–47, H10254–55, H10255, H10281, H10282–83, and H10283. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

SUPERFUND ACT REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Reform of Superfund Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Roemer, Regula; Visclosky and Frelinghuysen; Jim Coleman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, State of Massachusetts; Chad McIntosh, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue on October 26.

HYDROELECTRIC LICENSE EXTENSIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 657, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas; H.R. 680, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects; H.R. 1011, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio; H.R. 1014, amended, to authorize extension of time limitation and a FERC-issued hydroelectric license; H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1290, amended, to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon; H.R. 1335, to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia; and H.R. 1366, to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope waterpower project.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on Hydroelectric License Extensions (H.R. 657, H.R. 680, H.R. 1011, H.R. 1014, H.R. 1051, H.R. 1290, H.R. 1335, H.R. 1366 and H.R. 1835). Testimony was heard from Susan Tomasky, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ENGLISH—COMMON LANGUAGE

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on English as the Common Lan-

guage. Testimony was heard from Senator Shelby; and Representatives Emerson, Roth, King, Serrano, Bono, Becerra, Pastor, Underwood, Green of Texas, Farr, Pelosi, and Jackson-Lee.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS BOSNIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy Towards Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995.

Will continue October 24.

BOSNIA—UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES DEPLOYMENT

Committee on National Security: Concluded hearings on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 33, Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center Act of 1995; and H.R. 1965, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Disaster Relief Assistance for Fishermen. Testimony was heard from John K. Bullard, Director, Office of Sustainable Development and Intergovernmental Affairs, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

MEDICARE PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing three hours of debate on H.R. 2425, Medicare Preservation Act of 1995. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The rule provides for the adoption in the House and the Committee of the Whole of an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 2485, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The bill as so amended is considered as original text for amendment purposes and is considered